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The heart will break, yet broken, live on. — J. Q. Adams.

BOOMERANGING DOWSETT

Encouraging split-ticket voting by means of an irresponsible and non-representative "straw vote" is a dangerous kind of politics to play, and just now this kind of politics is a political boomerang.

The Republican senatorial ticket is far and away the best offered to the voters, and it is the kind of a ticket that the STAR-BULLETIN gladly advises the voters to take "straight". Yet the morning paper, while supporting this senatorial ticket, is perhaps unconsciously helping to create a most mischievous situation.

There is such a thing as making a little tin god of one absorbing idea and this split-ticket idea is too likely to become the little tin god. Now in the estimation of this paper the valid reason for refusing to support a political candidate is that the candidate is either personally unfit for office or that he is by virtue of certain business or other affiliations which are manifestly against community interest or progress, tied up so that he cannot put forward his sincerest efforts on behalf of all the people. Acting on this earnest belief, the STAR-BULLETIN'S support in this campaign is cordially given to men who measure up to the standard of personal efficiency and ability to serve the people, and on no other basis does this paper give its support.

In fostering the split-ticket idea generally, without regard to its effects on worthy candidates, the first result is likely to be a defeat of very good men. For instance, on the Republican senatorial ticket is A. S. Kaleiopi, an intelligent, active, experienced Hawaiian, well worth supporting by every voter in the Third senatorial district. Yet the encouragement of this split-ticket fiasco is bound to result in increasing haole support for Coke or Wirtz, probably Coke, on the Democratic ticket and a loss of haole support for Kaleiopi. Against Coke personally the STAR-BULLETIN has no fight to make. He is popular around town.

But even his most ardent supporters will hardly claim him superior to the Republican candidates, and the Democratic senatorial ticket as a whole stands no comparison with that of the Republicans.

Now the practical result of the split-ticket irritation is going to be a loss for Kaleiopi among the haoles, where he is probably not so well known as Coke. But the haoles are outnumbered two to one in the vote on this island, and any splitting of the ticket on Kaleiopi on the haole precincts will be a terrific boomerang on the haole candidates in the heavily-voting Hawaiian precincts. It would probably mean the defeat of Dowsett, which would be a real misfortune for the next senate.

A vote for Coke is a vote against Dowsett, and those who support Dowsett should realize it. An attack on Kaleiopi, even though unintentional, is an attack on Dowsett, and it should be stopped.

MISREPRESENTATION

The kind of misrepresentation that Hawaii too often receives, and the kind of misrepresentation that should be combated with every power of publicity that Hawaii possesses, is contained in a letter received this week by a local businessman from a Philadelphia firm. The firm wrote to him:

"We regret to note from the information contained in the daily press that several cases of bubonic plague have appeared in your country."

This was followed by an advertisement of a disinfectant.

The true facts about plague in Hawaii are easily procurable from an unimpeachable source, the report of the United States Public Health Service for September. This report says:

"During the week ended August 3, 1912, there were examined at Hilo 548 rats and mongoose, and at Honokaa 1,431. During the week ended August 10, 1912, there were examined at Hilo 805 rats and mongoose, and at Honokaa 1,784. No plague infection was found.

"At Honolulu during the week ended August 3, 1912, there were examined 251 rats, and during the week ended August 10, 1912, there were examined 230 rats. No plague-infected rat was found.

"The last case of human plague occurred at Honokaa March 14, 1912. The last plague-in-

fect rat was found between Honokaa and Kapuleia April 24, 1912."

The report in the mainland press probably arose from orders given last month for vigilance all over the country in guarding against plague. Hawaiian ports, in common with those of the rest of the United States, were mentioned in dispatches from Washington. As a matter of fact, the report shows that not a single plague-infected rat has recently been found.

CHINA'S PARTIES COALESCE

Not a little of the inefficiency of the recently created republic of China must be attributed to excessive factionalism of partisans and natural leaders during the first crucial months of the new epoch, says an exchange. It has contributed to the difficulties of Yuan Shih Kai as president in his dealings with cabinet and council and it has divided the nation when the nation most needed to be united in a firm and consistent foreign policy. Still the situation caused by this rivalry might have been far worse, and would have had it had any support from the very ablest of the convinced Republicans and Liberals. Fortunately as the time draws near when the provisional government must give way to a permanent one, and the first elections be held under the restricted franchise, a better temper characterizes the people. The factions are drawing together so that the natural and distinct alignment of two strong parties bids fair to be accomplished at a not distant date.

If the grouping of the nationalists is perfected, the Kuo Min Tang party, led by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, will represent the more democratic and decentralized ideal of government, with emphasis on the autonomy of the provinces and power at Peking reduced to a minimum. Over against this company will be the Kung Hy Tang party, led by Gen. Li Yuan-hung, which is for centralization of power at the capital and for emphasis on national rather than provincial rights and power. Round about these larger groups will stand the smaller, which are ultra-conservative and radical; but the shaping of national history will rest with the major combatants.

The brief but revealing experience that Yuan Shih Kai and successive prime ministers already have had with coalition ministries makes it clear that the sooner the line of demarcation is clean cut the better; and the sooner responsible party government comes the steadier will be the process of national evolution.

Sheriff Jarrett has gone on a political tour of the island, leaving his department in charge of Deputy Rose. However, that is nothing exceptional for "Our Bill". He often leaves the department to be run by his deputies; in fact, Rose may justly be regarded as the brains of the police administration. It is no disparagement to Charles Coster, the Republican nominee for deputy sheriff, to say that he has a hard fight on his hands to beat Rose. Coster would make an excellent deputy sheriff, as he is making an excellent head of the garbage department, but Rose has shown considerably more efficiency than Jarrett and considerably more idea of what fitness for duty constitutes.

Judge Dole is supporting Robert Parker for sheriff because he believes in a competent, temperate and brave head of the police department. Judge Dole is one of those who is not fooled by the hurrah-boys stuff the Democrats have been shouting about Jarrett for four years. Jarrett's administration has been steadily growing more lax and if he is elected again, the department will continue to degenerate and disintegrate for two years more.

Supervisor Kruger denies that he is knifing any Republican candidates, but admits he is supporting James L. Coke, Democrat. Hana-waki's logic may be satisfactory to him, but hardly to the Republican leaders.

Now that the water famine has struck Schofield, that old adage of leading a horse to it hardly applies.

It was an entirely safe guess that Tom Lawson would get into the campaign fund sensation sooner or later.

The Carlsmith-Ferry imbroglio again reminds us that Hilo can always stir up a row in dull times.

Having fought several battles in the last week, Turkey declared war yesterday.

PERSONALITIES

NORMAN E. GEDGE, secretary and treasurer of the Inter-Island Steamship Company, is staying at the St. Francis, registered from Honolulu.

LEON STRAU'S met congratulations at every corner and all along the line yesterday on the small person who has arrived in his family. Mother and babe doing splendidly.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS CUSHING and Miss Carmen Ghirardelli will leave this week for a trip to Honolulu. Clarence Reed will accompany the party to the islands.

WALTER B. MALING, formerly of the local postoffice and later deputy district clerk in the United States court at San Francisco, has been appointed chief clerk to succeed James P. Brown, according to news received by his friends here. He is a nephew of Senator George C. Perkins.

ROY PATNOT came down from San Francisco last night, summoned home by the illness of one of his children, who is now on the road to recovery after an attack of bronchitis. He will return to the city this evening. Mr. Patnot will leave soon for the Hawaiian islands, where he will set up a number of big trucks that will be shipped to the islands from the city.

WILL HAGAN returned from San Jose yesterday morning by auto, having looked after the safe arrival at that point of Dr. and Mrs. Chilson. Dr. Chilson was troubled with a severe spell of illness on the trip but was feeling much better when Hagan departed. In the interest of the doctors' health a trip is being planned to the Hawaiian islands in which Mrs. Chilson will join.—Tulare (Cal.) Advance.

MISS EFFIE L. CRAIG, who came here about a year ago from Canada, and who has been chosen as head nurse for Palama Settlement, yesterday informed James A. Rath that she would accept the position. The settlement is very fortunate in securing her capable services, as it is the general belief that no better executive nurse could have been obtained. She is a general favorite among the nurses, and they are well pleased with Mr. Rath's choice.

WORLD-TOURING TEAM

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the students in the state of California, but left this work at the urgent request of Mr. Smith.

Movement of Great Importance. Speaking in regard to the Men and Religion Movement, Mr. Holmes made the following statement this morning:

"On the completion of the Men and Religion Campaign in the States some time ago, the request came to Fred B. Smith, who is the leader of religious work in the National Association, to visit other lands and deliver the message and the method of the movement, and he decided, in company with Raymond Robins and the International Quartet, to give the first six months of 1913 to a world tour. This tour will be commenced with a great farewell rally at Carnegie Hall, New York, and the first campaign of the team will be held at Honolulu, January 23 to 30. Other missionary lands will then be visited, including China, Japan, Korea, and the Philippines, and after visiting these countries, Australia and South Africa, reaching England for the managing of the campaign of Great Britain.

"The people will be given the chance to hear two of the strongest speakers and two of the most peculiar characters in American religious life on the platform today. F. B. Smith has, for twenty-five years, been secretary of religious work of the International Association of the Y. M. C. A. His genius for leadership and his power of originality has largely made the American campaign. Raymond Robins, who is the social service expert of the team, is the man who has had a remarkable career, and now, although he made a moderate fortune in Alaska in the early days, lives in a Chicago tenement in order to help in the social uplift of the people.

Origin of Work. "The origin of this movement came about in a remarkable way. Mr. Smith convened a meeting of the men's religious organizations in North America in regard to a great forward movement for men and boys. When the gathering met it was discovered that no less than three of these movements were in their own ranks and were considering some such proposal. The plan for the movement met with unanimous approval, and for two years the organization proceeded which culminated in the campaign for eight months commencing in September, 1911. Great eight-day campaigns were held in seventy-two cities, and each of these cities in turn organized a campaign in surrounding cities in no less than one thousand five hundred places. Thirty thousand men served on committees during these campaigns.

"There are five messages in the Men and Religion Forward Move-

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

SUPERVISOR KRUGER — Whoever told the Star-Bulletin that I am working against the Republican ticket or Jack Dowsett is mistaken. I am working for the ticket. I am going to vote for Jim Coke because he's a friend of mine, but it's not Dowsett I'm going to cut—it's Kaleiopi. Yes, Harry Murray is against Paris, but I'm not. 'No other thing—I am not going to run for supervisors two years from now. I know better. If I said that I was going to run, it was only as a joke.

W. R. FARRINGTON—My remarks at the meeting of Republican delegates were intended to convey my belief that the time had come for appealing to the voters on the basis of governmental efficiency. I believe it is nonsense to assume that the man who works on the waterfront does not understand and appreciate efficiency in public office just as well as the man in the business house, if the subject is presented to him in terms of his business or work-a-day environment. We've got to get down to talking the facts to the electorate some day and the sooner we begin the better for all concerned. In my opinion there has been too much of the assumption that the average workman doesn't understand efficiency. He does. There's no place on earth where a natural-born Mutt is more quickly and properly rated than among the average workmen. They have only to apply that same principle to government and we shall have good government, which is in the final analysis efficient government.

ment, each of which have emphasized singly, but very seldom have they been emphasized together. It is a six-fold message—an attempt to present the campaign progress of Christianity, mainly, boys work, social service, evangelism, missions, and Bible the study. The movement brings out the fundamental exercises which the church occupies in the community, and it seeks to secure the attendance of all the members of the church at institutes in order that they may receive information along the latest lines in the work for boys and men. Some men in the past, for instance in social service, have not come into contact with the church because that has not been included in the church's program. This movement stands for a co-operation of efforts, so that all men shall get together in presenting one united front for the promotion of righteousness.

"One of the great speakers at the conservation in Carnegie Hall decided that the Men and Religion Movement had chartered afresh the career of Christians. That congress was composed of fourteen hundred of the most respected Christian laymen of Canada and the United States, who for five days discussed men's work in the church and also the unsolvable problems of the church. A number of commissions were appointed consisting of leading church men and laymen to make an investigation into certain church problems, and the reports of these commissions were read at the conservation congress. The reports were based on Christian publicity, which concerns the newspaper publication of Christian work. No less a person than Dr. Talcott Williams, head of the Pulitzer school of journalism in Philadelphia, and now of Columbia University, was the leading man in this emphasis. There were reports on the churches, boys work, evangelism, bible study, missions, and social service. These reports have now been published, and will be by far the best literature on these subjects in many years.

"In short, the message of the Men and Religion Forward Movement is to bring all the men of the churches together in a strong and determined attitude to promote the work of the Kingdom of God. Work Here in Co-operation. Mr. Smith and Mr. Robins will be delegated to cooperate with all the Christian and social agencies in Honolulu during their visit here, and to secure even greater success than in the past. Mass meetings of men will be held with the evangelistic objective and two institutes will be conducted daily to give information on the latest work for men and boys. All classes of the community will be reached if possible. Mr. Robins is a labor union man and will endeavor to touch the great mass of men that belong to the trade unions."

One of the attractive features that will accompany Messrs. Smith and Robins on their tour will be the International Quartet, perhaps the greatest aggregation ever gotten together in the promotion of Christianity. Some of the members of this organization have been singing together for the past twenty years and there is a real treat in store for the music lovers of Honolulu.

It should be remembered that this campaign is largely a laymen's movement. It is the awakening of interest in work at home corresponding to the interest in foreign work expressed in the laymen's missionary movement.

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